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14 October 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT: NSPG Meeting on the Middle East

1. Judge Clark will chair the meeting in the White House Situation Room at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 14 October 1983. A copy of the agenda is attached. I have arranged for you a meeting at 11:30 today with [redacted] and John Helgeson to review your talking points and discuss the situation in the Middle East.

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2. It appears from the agenda that this meeting will largely be a discussion of issues and options and that Tuesday's meeting will be to arrive at decisions on an action plan.

3. This book includes the following items:

- Talking Points. These were prepared by DDI/NESA. You are not scheduled to give a formal intelligence briefing but you may find these useful in the general discussion of next steps in Lebanon.
- Background Paper. This Shultz memo to the President was circulated by the NSC Staff as the background paper for discussion at the meeting.
- NSDD-99. This decision directive of July '83 was suggested for review by principals.
- Embassy Tel Aviv NO DIS. You may wish to review this cable entitled "Thinking About What's Next".
- NIO/NESA Memo. This memorandum entitled "Dealing With Syria in Lebanon" (which you have already seen) is provided for your background information.

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-- Summaries of SNIEs' Key Judgments. Per your request   
 has prepared one-page summaries of the Key Judgements  
of two recent SNIEs:

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-- Prospects for Lebanon;

-- Prospects for an Abrupt Interruption of Persian Gulf Oil  
Exports.

4. Please let me know if there is anything else you need for this or  
Tuesday's NSPG meetings.

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